

Congressman Childers Meets with North Mississippi Farmers During Jobs & Economy Tour

Childers Talks with Farmers about Disaster Assistance, Upcoming 2012 Farm Bill

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Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Rep. Travis Childers (MS-01) met with North Mississippi farmers in Calhoun County to discuss the status of disaster assistance legislation, the upcoming 2012 Farm Bill, climate legislation, and other measures affecting the agriculture industry. The meeting was part of Childers' district-wide Jobs & Economy Tour, which began last week.

"Agriculture is the backbone of Mississippi's local and regional communities and economies, and I am extremely proud to represent our producers as the only member of our state serving on the House Agriculture Committee," said Childers. "I know how important it is to ensure that legislation affecting the agriculture industry reflects sound policies that represents the interests of North Mississippi producers."

"Our farmers have been hit hard by both today's difficult economic climate and last fall's heavy rains and flooding. I will continue fighting to enact legislation that provides timely disaster assistance to our farmers. I am also thoroughly engaged in upcoming discussions surrounding the 2012 Farm Bill, and will keep working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to craft legislation that makes sense for North Mississippi farmers."

Childers was joined by members of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council, and members from several Mississippi agriculture trade associations.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [w
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